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*Turkish plane crashes in Holland*



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*At least twenty people were injured in a Turkish Airline plane crash. The plane crashed while attempting to land at Amsterdam's Schipol international airport. It's thought 135 passengers were on board. Our Europe reporter Ben Shore has more details:*

Turkish Airline flight 1951 left Istanbul this morning but **crashed** as it **came into land** at Schipol airport **on the outskirts of** Amsterdam with 20 **injured**. Separate reports have **claimed** 50 passengers **escaped injury**.

Pictures from **the scene** show the **wreckage** of the Boeing 737-800 in three pieces in a field close to one of Schipol's runways. Dutch television is reporting that rescuers **have been hampered in** getting to the scene because the field has recently been ploughed.

All flights to and from Schipol have been **suspended**.

Ben Shore, BBC News, Brussels

## Vocabulary and definitions

<b>crashed</b>	landed suddenly because of an emergency
<b>came into land</b>	landed and came to a stop (of an airplane)
<b>on the outskirts of</b>	not far from, in a suburb of
<b>injured</b>	hurt
<b>claimed</b>	said without having enough factual evidence
<b>escaped injury</b>	were not hurt
<b>the scene</b>	where something happens or has happened
<b>wreckage</b>	the broken pieces left after something - here, the aircraft - has been extremely badly damaged
<b>have been hampered in</b>	have had difficulties
<b>suspended</b>	temporarily cancelled/stopped

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